

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: KENNETH MAGES, ET AL.  
TITLE: METHOD OF SECURE SERVER CONTROL OF LOCAL ...  
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To: The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In advance of the first office action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1, in the title, after "METHOD", insert  
-- AND APPARATUS --;

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 1, and add the following new claims.

CLAIM 1. A method of transmitting data invoking a crippled file on a storage medium containing video and/or audio over a network, comprising:

(a) crippling the video and/or audio files on the storage medium, whereupon the files are rendered unusable without an uncrippling trigger;

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